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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 May 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 14-20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-12 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election with traverse of May 20, 2004 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that Applicant request withdrawal of the Restriction requirement. This is not found persuasive because the claims 17-20 are a LCD manufacturing methods that the process can be used to make other an materially different LCD device such the photolithography process, and the claims 1-13, 14, 15 and 16 are difference species such as a protective layer formed corresponding to the contact region or formed from a first region to a second region and forming pad contacts and bounding data driving IC chip and gate driving IC chip that need different searches, so that the burden exists.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

2. Claims 14-20 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected claims, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement on May 20, 2004.

Specification

3. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Applicant admitted prior art (AAPA).

Claim 1, AAPA discloses (paragraph 0010 - 0028 of the specification; Figs.1-3) that an LCD comprising:

- a substrate (10);
- a pixel array (the reflective electrodes 85 functions as pixel electrodes that constitutes pixel array) formed on a display region (50) of the substrate in a matrix configuration (the pixel array is a matrix);
- a plurality of first terminal (any terminal can be a first terminal such as the gate terminal 20) formed at a non-display region (70) of the substrate, and the gate terminal (20) having a contact region (any region functions as a contact would be a contact region, because the contact region is not defined in a specific definition as which layer contacts which layer, so that any region having a contact function would be a contact region, such as the gate terminal 20 contacts the gate pad 86, and there must have a contact region), and the

- electrical signal being applied to the pixel array must have gate lines and the data lines that are a plurality of column lines and row lines in the pixel array;
- a protective layer (75) having contact hole (81) formed corresponding to the contact region (such as the gate pad 86 contacts the gate terminal 20) of each of the gate terminals (20), and covering the pixel array and the gate terminals (20);
 - a plurality of first pads (any pads can be a first pads such as the gate pads 86) formed on the protective layer (75) to be overlapped with each of the first terminal such as the gate terminals (20), and according to the Fig.1C,2A, the surface of the gate terminals (20) greater than the contact region such as the region in the gate pad contact hole (81) which contacts the gate pad (86), and the gate pads (86) connected to the gate terminal (20) through the contact hole (81) at that contact region contacting the gate pads (86) and the gate terminals (20), and the external circuit such as the driving IC chips being connected other than the contact region, because the contact region can be the region contacting the gate pads (86) and the gate terminals (20) and normally the driving IC chip being mounted at non-display region.

Therefore, the AAPA meets the imitations as claimed in the claim 1.

Claim 2, AAPA discloses (paragraph 0022) that the protective layer is thickly formed in a thickness of about 5 μm .

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 3 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over AAPA as applied to claims 1 and 2 above, and further in view of US 4,295,711 (Tanaka et al).

Claim 3, lacking limitation is such that the first terminals are aligned in a zigzag fashion of two rows.

However, Tanaka discloses (col.3, lines 3-11; Figs.5a, 7a) that the electrode terminals are disposed in a zigzag manner (the zigzag fashion of two rows) that provides a relatively large terminal connecting area at the edges of the leads thus preventing adjacent electrodes from being short-circuited.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to those skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to align the electrode terminals in a zigzag fashion as claimed in claim 3 for prevention adjacent electrodes from being short-circuited.

Claim 13, AAPA discloses (paragraph 0018) that using connecting device such as a COG, a COF or an FPC to connect the LCD through the pad (86) to apply a driving signal from outside. So that the first pad such as the gate pads (86) are connected to the LCD through the pad area (except the contact region contacting the pad and the terminal) to the terminals of the connecting device (such as FPC) from outside.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 4-12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

9. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art of record neither discloses nor teaches that a liquid crystal display device comprising various elements as claimed, more specifically, as the following:

each of first inner terminals arranged along an inside portion of a first row among the first terminals has a first contact region at an inner portion thereof, and each of first outer terminals arranged along an outside portion of a second row among the first terminals has a second contact region at an outer portion thereof as shown in Fig.5 [claim 4].

Claims 5-12 are dependent on the claim 4.

None of references in the prior art found that the liquid crystal display device having the inner terminal and the outer terminal as claimed in the claim 4.

Conclusion

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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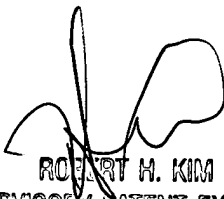
11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mike Qi whose telephone number is (571) 272-2299.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-T 8:00 am-5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Kim can be reached on (571) 272-2293. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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